

JUDGE MORRISON EXPLAINS.

Hot Time in the Old Town of Santa Fe
Over that Ohio Interview.

Judge A. L. Morrison, U. S. collector of internal revenue for the district of New Mexico and Arizona, has returned to Santa Fe after a month's absence in Ohio, where he went to make campaign speeches at the request of Congressman Grosvenor, Taylor and others. His work in Ohio campaigns during several years passed has placed Judge Morrison right up next with President McKinley and the powers that be, and but for this he would never have had his present lucrative position, for the Republican politicians of the Territory, as a rule, have opposed him in all his official aspirations. And they are still at it. Just before the election there appeared in the Ohio State Journal of Columbus, Ohio, an alleged interview with Judge Morrison, wherein he was quoted as saying some very ugly things about the native people of New Mexico and their fitness for statehood. A copy of the paper containing this matter was sent to R. E. Twitchell and by him taken to Santa Fe and exhibited at Republican headquarters. It appeared to be "nuts and ginger bread" for Mr. Catron and his following and typewritten copies of it were struck off, in English and Spanish, and widely circulated, especially among those natives who had gone on Morrison's bond. Last week these bondsmen all agreed to withdraw as his official sureties. Now Judge Morrison comes out in a signed statement in which he declares: "No person connected with said paper (the Ohio State Journal) ever asked me for an interview; I never gave any interview of any kind to it in any way, and further, I never knew that such an interview was to be published, and did not know of its publication until my attention was called to it by Mr. Bend, of the Columbus Dispatch, to whom I denied the authenticity of said interview as emphatically as I do now."

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

All pupils who will be six on or before December 15, may enter the primary department the first week in December.

The children will follow the plan pursued in the past, and bring their thank offerings, which will be given to the poor and needy of our city.

The five model schools will be moved to the Normal building, Monday, November 28. It is hoped all children will be in regular attendance at that time.

Thanksgiving exercises will be held in the various buildings, Wednesday afternoon, November 23d. The programs will be published in THE OPTIC Tuesday.

At the Douglas avenue school building, Miss Garlick and Miss Rogers will unite in their exercises and Miss Steward and Miss Holzman will give their program together.

Miss Bucher has received a letter from F. C. Dawes, comptroller of the treasury, Washington, D. C., acknowledging the receipt of the La Fayette contribution and thanking the public schools of our city for their very generous donation.

NORMAL NOTES.

Miss Arrington has opened her music studio in the Normal building.

The electric clock system has arrived and will be put in during the coming week.

The football team loses its captain by the departure of C. E. Snyder, post-graduate in pedagogy and languages.

The first floor will be finished early next week and the model schools will move into the Normal after the Thanksgiving recess.

The beautiful Steinway piano has been placed in the assembly room. It is a magnificent instrument and will be a great source of pleasure and education to the students.

A number of students are expected to enter the evening classes in Short-hand and Bookkeeping next week; students in the night classes are said to be doing excellent work.

Beautiful rooms are being prepared for the Normal museum and gymnasium. The medallion cornice work therein is the gift of Mr. Eggleston, the plastering contractor.

Prof. McNary's chorus held its first rehearsal last Monday night with fifty voices present. It is expected that the meeting next Monday night will bring the number up to sixty. Every singer in the city is invited to attend.

A valuable contribution of government publications was received this week from F. A. Manzanarez, ex-delegate to congress. It includes many valuable books on geology, ethnology and education that are now quite rare.

The government class organized themselves into the house of representatives last Friday, with Norris Cochran as speaker, and considered a bill providing for the repeal of the Dingley tariff law. The bill was defeated. At the next session Owen Wood will preside as speaker, and the bill providing for ownership and control of the railroad and telegraph lines by the government will be taken up.

JUST A HINT.

Many who write for newspapers little think of the lot of the editor and printer, who spend hours of toil over their false grammar, bad orthography and poor punctuation. How often are the arguments of lawyers, in high repute as scholars, given to the printers in their own hand-writing, many words, and especially technical and foreign terms, abbreviated, words misspelled and few or no points, and those few, if any, entirely out of place. The sermons of eminent divines are frequently sent to the press without points or capitals to designate the division of sentences—sermons which, if published with the imperfections of the manuscript, would disgrace the printer's devil if he were the author. Suppose they had been so printed? The printer would have been treated with contempt as an illiterate blockhead—as a fellow better suited to be a wood sawyer than a printer. Nobody would have believed that such gross and palpable faults were owing to the carelessness of the author. And no one but the practical printer knows how many hours a compositor, and after him a proof-reader, is compelled to spend in reducing to a readable condition manuscript that the writers themselves would be puzzled to read.

POSTOFFICE CONSOLIDATION.

Some Extracts from U. S. Statutes and the Congressional Record on the Subject.

In view of the current report, noted in these columns last evening, that an order for consolidation of the two post-offices here may soon be issued by the department and Col. Brunswick made postmaster, the following from the statutes and the Congressional Record are of local interest:

Extract from the U. S. states for 1896, page 313: Provided, That no post-office at any county seat shall be abolished or discontinued by reason of any consolidation of post-offices made by the postmaster general under any existing law and any postoffice of a county seat heretofore consolidated shall be established as a separate post-office at such county seat.

Extracts from the Congressional Record of March 19, 1898, pages 3, 348-49.

The clerk read as follows:

Sec. 5 That the postmaster general may, in his discretion, consolidate the postoffice at Brooklyn, N. Y., with the postoffice at New York city, N. Y.

Mr. Fisher—I raise the point of order against that section.

The Chairman—The gentleman from New York (Mr. Fisher) raises the point of order.

Mr. Lord—Mr. Chairman, I want to say one word to the gentleman.

Mr. Fisher—I will reserve the point for the purpose of hearing the statement of the gentleman.

The Chairman—The point of order is reserved.

Mr. Lord—New York City and Brooklyn, and there are three or four other county seats, have now been embraced in the City of New York. In a provision put on an appropriation bill two or three years ago, the postmaster general was prohibited from consolidating county seats or a county seat with another postoffice. Now what is the condition in New York City? The people throughout the country understand that New York City embraces Brooklyn and other places, and mail is addressed to New York bearing some street or some street in some other place.

This would be in the interest of economy. The postmaster general says he would save some \$80,000 if he were permitted to consolidate within one post-office the various postoffices now within the incorporated limits of the City of New York.

Of course if the gentleman insists on the point of order, this provision is subject to it; but I hope the gentleman will not insist on the point of order, because it is legislation that ought to be enacted. If he does not want the present postmaster at Brooklyn removed, I am satisfied that arrangements would be made to retain him for a certain length of time; but do not let us defeat beneficial legislation on account of considerations of this kind.

Mr. Fisher—I insist on the point of order. Brooklyn would like to preserve some of its old identity and desires not to be entirely obliterated. I do not believe there would be any economy.

Mr. Lord—You ought to have thought of that before.

The Chairman—The chair sustains the point of order.

The clerk resumed the reading of the bill and completed it.



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